Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554

FCC 17M-07 10763 In the Matter of WTB Docket No. 17-17 FRN: 0016049017 **ACUMEN COMMUNICATIONS** Licensee of Various Authorizations in the Application File Nos. 0005614865, Wireless Radio Services 0005834762, 0005839763, 0005840938, 0005962267, Applicant for Modification of Various 0006039610, and 0006823865 Authorizations in the Wireless Radio Services Applicant for Renewal of Authorization in the Wireless Radio Services ORDER

Issued: February 24, 2017 Released: February 24, 2017

I. Background

This case was designated for hearing by *Order to Show Cause, Hearing Designation Order and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing*, DA 17-33, released January 10, 2017 (*HDO*), issued under delegated authority by the Deputy Chief, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. The *HDO*'s issues are set to determine "whether Acumen repeatedly made misrepresentations to and lacked candor with the Commission" in failing to disclose the alleged felony conviction of Mr. Hector Manuel Mosquera, an apparent principal of Acumen. *HDO* at 1, para. 2; *id.* at 6, para. 16.

A summary of the *HDO* was published in the Federal Register on January 19, 2017. 82 FR 6549-01. A Notice of Appearance – conforming to the requirements of 47 CFR § 1.221 – was required to be filed within 20 calendar days of the release of the *HDO*. See *HDO* at 7, para. 18. Rini O'Neil, PC, timely filed a Notice of Appearance on behalf of third-party Mobile Relay Associates (MRA)¹ on January 24, 2017. Apparently, Acumen emailed a Notice of Appearance to counsel, but had not filed it with the Commission, contrary to the *HDO* and Commission rules.

On February 23, 2017, the Enforcement Bureau filed a Request for Status Conference "to determine whether this case should go forward," given Acumen's improper filing. *Id.* at 3. For the reasons below, the Bureau's request is GRANTED.

¹ MRA was made a party to this matter after having objected to Acumen's modification applications. See HDO at 7, para. 22; id. at 3, para. 7.

II. Acumen's Notice of Appearance

It was not until the Bureau filed its Request for Status Conference that the Office of Administrative Law Judges (OALJ) became aware that on January 30, 2017, Acumen had emailed a Notice of Appearance to counsel for the Enforcement Bureau and counsel for MRA. However, while emailing of the Notice of Appearance may serve as a form of notice, it does not constitute a filing in accord with Commission rules.

Section 1.221(c) of the Commission's Rules provides in pertinent part:

In order to avail himself of the opportunity to be heard, the applicant [whose application has been designated for hearing], in person or by his attorney, shall, within 20 days of the mailing of the notice of designation for hearing . . . , *file with the Commission*, in triplicate, a written appearance stating that he will appear on the date fixed for hearing and present evidence on the issues specified in the order.

(Emphasis added.)

Acumen failed to file a Notice of Appearance with the Commission as required.² Therefore, its applications could "be dismissed with prejudice for failure to prosecute." See 47 CFR § 1.221(c); HDO at 7, para. 19. A Status Conference will be held on **Tuesday**, **March 14**, **2017 at 11:00 AM**, at which time the proper method of service and the effect of an unfiled Notice of Appearance will be discussed.

III. Improper Emails

There shall be no further substantive email communications with OALJ without authorization of the Presiding Judge. Substantive emails such as those recently sent by Harold Pick³ on behalf of Acumen are unauthorized and unacceptable. *See* Attachment A. Pick's email communications are not to be recognized as filings, and therefore the Presiding Judge will not respond to such emails or any issue raised therein. In other words, the issues set for hearing will not be litigated by email.

It has also come to the attention of OALJ staff that the email address provided by Hector Mosquera (Radiobuy1728@msn.com) in Acumen's Notice of Appearance is inaccurate, inoperative, or invalid. See Attachment B. Therefore, Acumen must forthwith provide OALJ and counsel for all parties with a functioning email address for Mr. Mosquera.

IV. Rulings

IT IS ORDERED that the Enforcement Bureau's Request for Status Conference, joined by MRA, is GRANTED.

² Just as "[t]he filing of a document with the Commission does not constitute service upon Commission counsel," 47 CFR § 1.47(c), the reverse is also true: sending a document to Commission counsel does not constitute a filing with the Commission.

³ It is also noted that the authority of Harold Pick to act on behalf of Acumen and/or Hector Manuel Mosquera has not been shown and cannot be determined.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Status Conference will be held in Hearing Room TW-A363 at Commission Headquarters, located at 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 11:00 AM**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chief Administrative Law Judge Richard L. Sippel shall serve as Presiding Judge in the above-entitled proceeding,⁴ and that the parties are on notice that they are to be fully cognizant of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules concerning Practice and Procedure.⁵

SO ORDERED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION⁶

Richard L. Sippel
Chief Administrative Law Judge

⁴ Courtesy copies of Notices of Appearance, Pleadings, and Motions are to be emailed or faxed to the Office of Administrative Law Judges (OALJ). Email is the preferred means of providing copies to the Presiding Judge and counsel. OALJ email addresses to be included are: richard.sippel@fcc.gov, rachel.funk@fcc.gov, and patricia.ducksworth@fcc.gov. Alternatively, the OALJ fax number is (202) 418-0195.

⁵ 47 CFR Part 1, Subparts A and B.

⁶ Courtesy copies of this Order will be sent via email and U.S. mail on issuance to the parties listed in the *HDO* (DA 17-33), released January 10, 2017.

Attachment A

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The FCC has Failed to follow Due Process and required by the US Constitution and has failed to follow the Laws of the FCC rules.

The FCC has also failed to provide service under 47 CFR 1.211 and 47 CFR 1.47

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